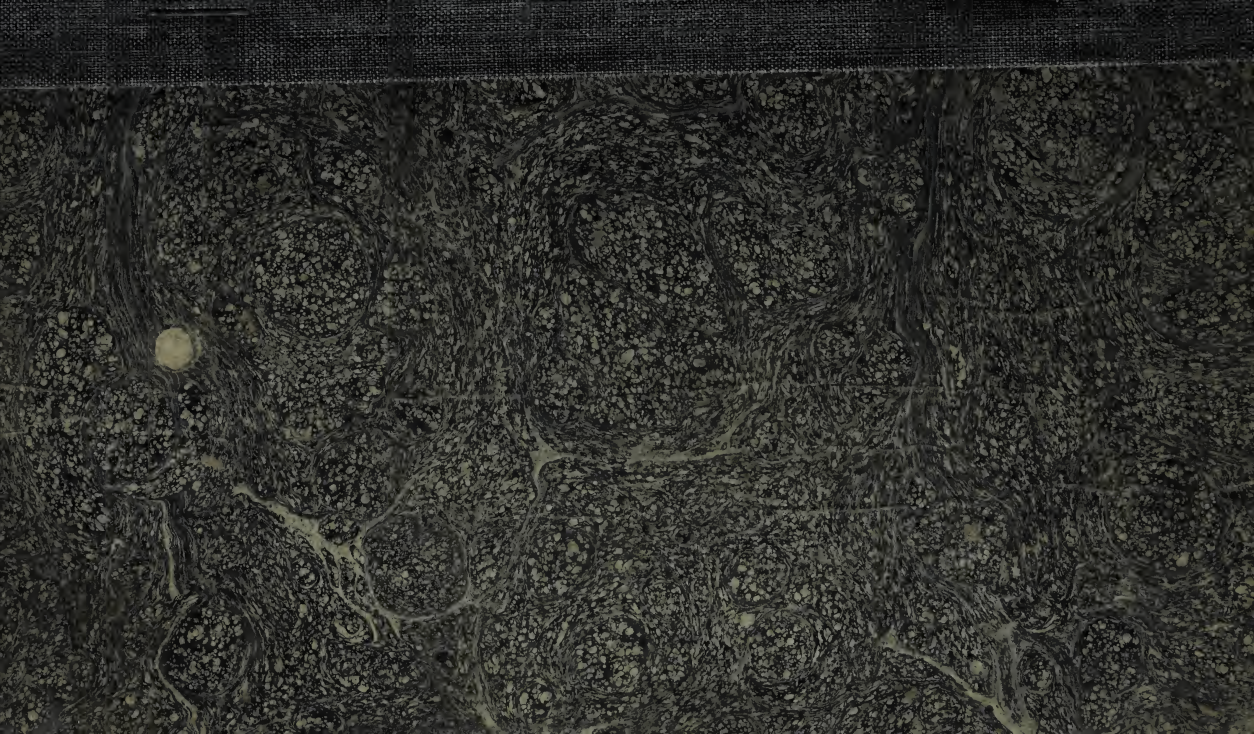

THE

CHARTER

OF THE

Hibernian Society,

IN

DUBLIN,

FOR

Maintaining, educating, apprenticing, and placing in the Army, the Orphans and Children of SOLDIERS in Ireland, for ever. Dated the 6th of February, in the 48th Year of the Reign of

GEORGE THE THIRD.

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GEORGE the Third, by the Grace of God, of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, King, Defender of the Faith, and ſoforth. TO all unto whom theſe Preſents ſhall come, Greeting: WHEREAS, by our Letters Patent, enrolled in our High Court of Chancery of Ireland, the fourteenth Day of July, in the ninth Year of our Reign, WE did grant, ordain, conſtitute and appoint George Viſcount Townſend our Lieutenant General and General Governor of our Kingdom of Ireland, and our Chief Governor or Governors of our ſaid Kingdom for the Time being, and the ſeveral other Officers and Perſons in the ſaid Letters Patent particularly mentioned and their Succeſſors for

for ever, to be ONE BODY POLITIC AND CORPORATE in Deed and in Name by the Name of the HIBERNIAN SOCIETY in Dublin, for maintaining, educating and apprenticing the Orphans and Children of Soldiers in Ireland for ever, and by the ſame Name to have perpetual Succeſſion. AND WHEREAS it has been repreſented unto Us, that the Ends and Purpoſes for which the ſaid Letters Patent were granted, may be more effectually promoted, and our Military Service in that Part of our ſaid United Kingdom called Ireland, more eſſentially and permanently benefited if WE ſhould be pleaſed to grant new Letters Patent with further and other Qualifications to the Effect herein after mentioned to the ſaid Hibernian Society, and the ſaid Corporation having beſought us to grant unto them new Letters Patent to the Effect and with the Powers and Qualifications herein after mentioned, WE are graciouſly pleaſed to condeſcend thereto, KNOW YE therefore, that WE of our ſpecial Grace, certain Knowledge and mere Motion by and with the Advice and Conſent of our Right Truſty and Right entirely beloved Couſin and Counſellor Charles Duke of Richmond,

our

our Lieutenant General and General Governor of that part of our United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, called Ireland, HAVE made, ordained, authoriſed, conſtituted and appointed, and by theſe Preſents for us our Heirs and Succeſſors, WE DO make, ordain, authorize, conſtitute and appoint our Right Truſty and Right entirely beloved Couſin and Counſellor Charles Duke of Richmond, our Lieutenant General and General Governor of Ireland, and other our Chief Governor or Governors of Ireland for the time being, our moſt dearly beloved Son George Prince of Wales, our moſt dearly beloved Son Field Marſhal Frederick Duke of York and Albany, Commander in Chief of all our Forces in our United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland. The moſt Reverend Father in God our Right Truſty and Right well beloved Counſellor William Lord Archbiſhop of Armagh, Primate of all Ireland. The moſt Reverend Father in God, our Right Truſty and Right entirely beloved Counſellor Charles Lord Archbiſhop of Dublin Primate of Ireland; and the Archbiſhops of Armagh and Dublin reſpectively for the time being. Our Right Truſty and well beloved Counſellor Thomas

Lord

Lord Manners our Chancellor of Ireland; and the Chancellor of Ireland for the time being. The Right Reverend Father in God our Right Truſty and well beloved Counſellor Charles Biſhop of Kildare; and the Biſhop of Kildare for the time being. Our Right Truſty and well beloved Counſellor William Downes, Chief Juſtice of our Court of King's Bench in Ireland. Our Right Truſty and well beloved Counſellor John Baron Norbury Chief Juſtice of our Court of Common Pleas in Ireland. Our Right Truſty and well beloved Counſellor Standiſh O'Grady Chief Baron of our Court of Exchequer in Ireland; and the Chief Juſtices of our ſaid Courts of King's Bench and Common Pleas; and the Chief Baron of our ſaid Exchequer reſpectively for the time being. Our Right Truſty and well beloved the Lord Mayor of our City of Dublin. The Chief Secretary of our Lieutenant General or other Chief Governor or Governors of Ireland. Our Attorney and Solicitor General in Ireland. Our firſt Serjeant at Law. The Commander of our Forces, or in his abſence the General commanding the Troops in Ireland. The Adjutant General. The Quarter Maſter General. The Dean of St. Patrick's

Dublin

Dublin. The Reverend Archdeacon of Dublin. The Under Secretary for the Civil Department. The Under Secretary of the War Department. The Secretary to the Commander of the Forces. The Judge Advocate General. The Officer at the Head of the Barrack Department. The Director General of Military Hoſpitals. The Commiſſary General. The Deputy Adjutant General. The Deputy Quarter Maſter General. The General Officers on the Staff of Ireland. The Deputy Inſpector General of Recruits. The Field Officers of the reſpective Regiments doing Duty in the Garriſon of the City of Dublin. The Recorder of the City of Dublin, all for the time being. Our Right Truſty and well beloved Couſin and Counſellor Charles Marquis of Drogheda. Our Right Truſty and entirely beloved Couſin and Counſellor George Marquis of Buckingham. Our Right Truſty and well beloved Couſin and Counſellor John Marquis of Sligo. Our Right Truſty and Right well beloved Couſin Richard Earl of Shannon. Our Right Truſty and well beloved Couſin Thomas Viſcount Cremorne. Our Right Truſty and well beloved John Lord De Blackquiere. The Right Rev. Father in God, our Right Truſty and

well beloved Counſellor William Lord Biſhop of Derry. Our Right Truſty and well beloved Counſellor Thomas Lord Bolton. The Right Honorable David Latouche, Sir Charles Burton, Baronet. General Charles Vallancy, Dean Blundell, Singleton Harpur, Clerk. Major Edward Cane. Major George Vallancy, Reverend Doctor H. L. Walſh. Major George Nicolls. Major General Faucett. George Steuart, Eſquire. Charles William Quin, Eſquire. Major General Pratt. Archdeacon Burrowes. Captain Joſeph Atkinſon. Reverend Thomas Craddock. Col. Wright. Major Faviere, Luke White, Eſq. Colonel J. D. Arabin. General Peter Craig. The Honorable Thomas Packenham. The Right Honorable William Elliot, George Ball, Eſq. Patrick Duignan, Eſq. L. L. D. Reverend John Lyſter. Brigadier General Brownrigg. John Grant, Clerk. Major Sirr. Major Sandys. Major General Dunn. Major Dunn, Thomas Jones, Eſquire, Right Honorable Charles Abbott. Major Swan. Alexander Marsden, Eſquire. Major Stewart. Reverend Doctor O'Connor. James Henthorn. Eſq. Edward Haughton, Eſq. Doctor William Brook. William Farran, Eſq.

Colonel

Colonel Charles Handfield. Colonel Benjamin Fiſher. William O'Connor, Clerk. Major General Manly. Major Alexander Taylor. William Johnſon, Eſquire. Robert Slade, Eſquire. Our Right Truſty and well beloved Hely Lord Hutchinſon. Robert King, Clerk. Colonel Gore. Rev. Mr. Littlehales. Major Ormſby. Captain Richardſon. Captain Woodward. Colonel Talbot. Colonel Clinton Brigadier-General Freeman. Colonel Anſtruther. George Renny, Eſq M. D. Major Shortall. Captain Gorges Sir John Carden, Bart Alderman King. The Honourable Baron Smith. The Biſhop of Limerick. John Egan, Eſquire. Samuel Burrowes, Eſquire. Admiral Bowen. Joſeph Jameſon, Eſq. Edward C. Browne. G. D. Yates, Eſq. M. D. Alexander Jackſon, Eſq. M. D. and ſuch others only as ſhall from Time to Time be added to the Number of the ſaid Perſons by us, or by the ſpecial Appointment of the Lord Lieutenant, or other Chief Governor or Governors of Ireland for the Time being, any Thing in our former Letters Patent to the contrary thereof in any wiſe notwithſtanding to be one Body Politick and Corporate in Deed and

in Name, by the NAME of THE HIBERNIAN SOCIETY IN DUBLIN FOR MAINTAINING, EDUCATING, AND APPRENTICING OR PLACING, IN OUR REGULAR ARMY AS PRIVATE SOLDIERS in ſuch Corps as from Time to Time, we ſhall pleaſe to appoint, THE ORPHANS AND CHILDREN OF SOLDIERS IN IRELAND FOR EVER, and by the ſame Name to ſue and to be ſued, plead and to be pleaded, anſwer and be anſwered, unto defend and be defended in all the Courts and Places whatſoever, of us our Heirs and Succeſſors in all Suits, Plaints, and Demands whatſoever, in the ſame Manner and Form, and as amply as any of our Subjects Bodies Politic or Corporate in Ireland may or can do. And further, we do hereby declare and grant that they and their Succeſſors may have and uſe ſuch Common Seal as they ſhall think proper; and that it may be lawful for them and their Succeſſors to change, break, alter, and make new the ſame, as they ſhall think fit. And further, We do hereby declare and grant, that it may be lawful for them and their Succeſſors by that Name to purchaſe, have, take, receive, and enjoy to them and their Succeſſors in Fee and in Perpetuity, any Manors, Lands, Tenements,

ments, Rents, Annuities, Penſions, Tythes, and other Hereditaments in Ireland, not exceeding in the whole the clear yearly value of two thouſand Pounds, and to take and receive any Sum or Sums of Money, or any Manner or Portion of Goods or Chattels that ſhall to them be given, granted, deviſed, or bequeathed by any Perſon or Perſons, Bodies Politick or Corporate, capable of making a Gift or Deviſe thereof, and therewith and thereout, to erect, maintain, and ſupport in all Places in Ireland where they ſhall judge the ſame to be moſt neceſſary and convenient, ſuch and ſo many Hoſpitals as they ſhall think proper. And we do hereby direct, That the ſaid Body Corporate ſhall have a GENERAL MEETING of the Members thereof quarterly at ſuch Place or Places as they ſhall think proper, the firſt Monday in May, Auguſt, November, and February, yearly in all Times coming, and oftener, when and where the ſaid Body Corporate ſhall think meet; and any Seven of the Members of the ſaid Body, who ſhall convene or aſſemble at the ſaid Times and Places to be a Quorum of the ſaid General Meeting, and be able and capable to do and

tranſact all Matters and Things relating to the Affairs of the ſaid Corporation. And further, We do hereby direct that the Firſt General Meeting of the ſaid Body Corporate, ſhall be on the Firſt of the ſaid Quarterly Days that ſhall be thirty Days after the Date of theſe our Letters Patent. And our further Will and Pleaſure is, and we do hereby declare and grant, that our Lieutenant-General, and General-Governor of Ireland for the Time being, ſhall be always the Preſident, and the Commander of the Forces; or, in his *Abſence*, the General Officer commanding the Troops in Ireland, ſhall be always the Vice-Preſident of our ſaid Society, any Thing in our former Letters Patent to the contrary thereof in any wiſe notwithſtanding. And we do hereby empower, authoriſe, and require the ſaid Body Corporate when they ſhall be aſſembled to *elect* by Plurality of Voices, ſuch other *Officers* as they ſhall find needful, to continue till the *Firſt Monday* in November next thereafter, and until others ſhall be choſen to ſucceed them. And we do hereby empower, authoriſe, and require the ſaid Preſident and Vice-Preſident; or, in the abſence

ſence of the ſaid Preſident or Vice-Preſident, any two Members of the ſaid Corporate Body, to adminiſter an Oath or Oaths to the ſaid Officers which they ſhall be thereby required to take for the due and faithful execution of their reſpective Offices. And we do hereby further empower, authoriſe, and require the ſaid Corporation upon the Firſt Monday in November, in all Times coming, or in caſe of any Emergency, preventing their Meeting on that Day, then, at the next Quarterly Meeting thereafter, to make a new Election of Perſons to ſerve in the ſaid Offices, or to continue the former Officers, as they ſhall think moſt convenient. And we do hereby empower, authoriſe, and require the ſaid Body Corporate at their firſt General Meeting, to nominate and appoint FIFTEEN of the ſaid Body to be a COMMITTEE, to meet in Dublin the Firſt Tueſday in every Month, or oftener, as Need ſhall require, in ſuch Place or Places as ſhall be agreed on by the ſaid Corporation, which Committee are to be authoriſed and empowered to carry into Execution ſuch Orders, Rules, and Directions, as ſhall from Time to Time be made by the ſaid Corporation,

ration, and which Committee ſhall continue till the Firſt Monday in November next following the firſt General Meeting, at which Time, and afterwards on every Firſt Monday in November, yearly, the ſaid Corporation ſhall nominate Fifteen of their Members to be a Committee for *One Year*, for the Purpoſes aforeſaid. And our further Will and Pleaſure is, And we do hereby empower, authorize, and require the ſaid Corporation at their General Meetings, to nominate and appoint Leſſer Committees, in all Places where any Hoſpitals ſhall hereafter be erected for the Purpoſes expreſſed in the ſaid Letters Patent; which Leſſer Committees ſhall be appointed at ſuch Times and Places, and continue for ſuch Time or Times as the ſaid Corporation ſhall think proper. And we hereby further empower, authorize, and require the ſaid Corporation, at their General Meetings, to nominate and appoint fit Perſons in any Place of our Dominions, or elſewhere, to receive Subſcriptions, Money, or other Things, contributed towards the ſaid Inſtitution. And we hereby empower and authorize the ſaid Committee of Fifteen in the City of Dublin,

and

and the Leſſer Committees, in all Places where Hoſpitals for the Purpoſes aforeſaid ſhall hereafter be erected, to nominate and appoint Chaplains for their reſpective Hoſpitals; and alſo fit and able Perſons to be School Maſters of the ſaid Hoſpitals, during the Will of the ſaid Corporation, to teach the Orphans, and other unfortunate Children of Soldiers in the ſaid Hoſpitals, to read, eſpecially the Holy Scriptures, and to inſtruct them in the Principles of the Proteſtant Religion eſtabliſhed in Ireland, and in Arithmetic, and ſuch other Parts of Education as to the ſaid Society ſhall ſeem meet; ſuch Chaplains and School Maſters, nevertheleſs, to be licenſed by the Ordinaries in Ireland, in their reſpective Dioceſes, and to be approved by the ſaid Corporate Body, otherwiſe ſuch Nomination or Appointment by the ſaid Committee, to be void. And our further Will and Pleaſure is, and we do hereby direct, that the Treaſurer, and other Officers, ſhall be accountable to the Committee of Fifteen, at all Times when required by the ſaid Committee; and the ſaid Committee are hereby required to report annually, at ſuch Times as the ſaid Corporation

Corporation ſhall think proper, to the ſaid Corporate Body, the State of the Funds of the ſaid Corporation, the Receipts and Diſburſements of the Year, in Order that they may be examined, and entered in a Book to be kept for that Purpoſe: the ſaid Book, and all other the Books and Papers of the ſaid Corporation, to be at all Times open and free for the peruſal of the ſeveral Members thereof. And our further Will is, and we do hereby empower, authorize, and require the ſaid Corporation at their Quarterly Meetings, in all Times coming, and at no other Meetings, to make ſuch Rules and Ordinances, and from Time to Time to alter the ſame, as they ſhall judge moſt convenient and needful for the good Government of the ſaid Corporation, and Management of the Affairs thereof, and the effectual Promotion of the good Ends intended thereby, and to give ſuch Inſtructions, Directions, Encouragements, and Salaries to thoſe they employ, as they ſhall judge needful and reaſonable, provided that the ſaid Rules, Ordinances, Inſtructions, and Directions, be not repugnant to the Laws and Statutes in force in Ireland, ſuch Rules, Ordinances, In-

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ſtructions and Directions not to require any Confirmation or Approval by any Perſon or Perſons whatſoever, any Thing in our former Letters Patent to the contrary thereof in any wiſe notwithſtanding. And our further Will and Pleaſure is, And we do hereby empower and authorize the ſaid Corporate Body and their Succeſſors, and the Major Part of them, in a General Aſſembly, to remove and diſplace any of the Officers of the ſaid Corporation for any reaſonable Cauſe, the Preſident and Vice-Preſident only excepted, and to elect others in the Place or Places of the Perſon or Perſons ſo removed. And that as often as it ſhall happen that any of the Officers of the ſaid Corporation for the Time being, ſhall die, or be removed for reaſonable cauſe as aforeſaid, or that any Vacancy ſhall occur of an Officer or Officers of the ſaid Corporation, it ſhall and may be lawful for the Members of the ſaid Corporation, and they ſhall be required within forty Days (ten Days Notice being given) to chooſe and elect into his or their Place or Places, ſome other Perſon or Perſons of the ſaid Corporation, in the Manner herein before mentioned, to

continue in his or their Office or Offices, 'til the firſt Monday of November next following his or their Election or Elections, and until ſome other Perſon or Perſons ſhall be elected into his or their Office or Offices. And our further Will and Pleaſure is, and we do hereby direct, that in caſe the Preſident and Vice-Preſident ſhall be abſent from any General Meeting, that the ſaid Corporation, or any Seven or more of them, ſhall have Power to appoint one of the Members then preſent to preſide for ſuch Time; and ſuch Preſident, Vice-Preſident, or Chairman ſhall have a caſting Voice, in caſe of any Equality of Votes; and ſaid Preſident, Vice-Preſident, or Chairman, at any of the ſaid General Meetings ſhall have Power to adminiſter an Oath to any Perſon or Perſons for diſcovering the Truth of any Matter or Thing offered or propoſed to the ſaid Corporation. And our further Will and Pleaſure is, And we do hereby direct that no Leaſe or Leaſes of any Lands or Tenements belonging to the ſaid Corporation ſhall be made or executed, but at ſome General Quarterly Meeting, with the Approbation of the Members then preſent, or the Majority

jority of them, ſuch Major-part being at leaſt Seven in Number: And that every Leaſe ſo to be made ſhall be of Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments in Poſſeſſion, and not in Reverſion, and for a Term not exceeding three Lives, or thirty-one Years, whereon ſhall be reſerved the beſt yearly Rent that can be had for the ſaid Lands or Tenements at the time of making ſuch Leaſes reſpectively, without any Fine, or other Income to be taken or had for the ſame: And that it ſhall not be lawful for the ſaid Body Corporate to diminiſh their Capital Stock ariſing from the Annual Rent or Income of any Manors, Lands, Tenements, Annuities, Penſions, Tythes, or other Hereditaments whereof they ſhall at any Time be ſeized or poſſeſſed; but that they ſhall confine their Expenſes yearly to ſuch Annual Rent or Income, and to ſuch Sum of Money, Goods and Chattels, as ſhall from Year to Year be ſubſcribed or given to them, or the Intereſt or Profits thereof. And that no Child or Children ſhall be received into any Hoſpital now erected, or hereafter to be erected, unleſs a Certificate ſhall firſt be obtained from ſome Commiſſioned Officer,

or other credible Perſon or Perſons, that ſuch Child or Children is or are, to the beſt of his Belief, the Child or Children of Non-commiſſioned Officers or Soldiers of the Line in actual Service, or of Soldiers deceaſed, or reduced, or removed to foreign Service; but that upon ſuch Certificate, ſuch Child or Children may be received and admitted, any Thing in our former Letters Patent to the contrary thereof in any wiſe notwithſtanding. And our further Will is, and we do hereby direct that in the Selection of Children, for Admiſſion, *preference* in general ſhall be given:

FIRST, To Orphans.

SECONDLY, To thoſe whoſe Fathers have been killed, or have died on Foreign Service.

THIRDLY, To thoſe who have loſt their Mothers, and whoſe Fathers are abſent on Duty abroad.

FOURTHLY, To thoſe whoſe Fathers are ordered on Foreign Service, or whoſe Parents have other Children to maintain.

And that the Parents or Friends applying for the Admiſſion of Children ſhall be required to ſign their Conſent to ſuch Children

dren remaining in the ſaid Hibernian Society as long as the ſaid Governors thereof may think fit, and to their being diſpoſed of when of proper Age, at the Diſcretion of the Governors, as Apprentices or Servants; or, if Boys, to their being placed with their own free Conſent, in our regular Army, as Private Soldiers in ſuch Corps *as it may be our* Royal Pleaſure to appoint.

And LASTLY, Our Will and Pleaſure is, And we do hereby declare, and ordain, that theſe our Letters Patent, and every Clauſe, Sentence, and Article therein contained, or the Inrollment thereof, ſhall be in all Things firm, good, valid, ſufficient, and effectual in the Law, unto the ſaid Corporation, according to the Purport and Tenor thereof, without any further Grant, Licenſe, or Toleration from Us, our Heirs or Succeſſors, to be had, provided, or obtained. Provided always, That theſe our Letters Patent be Inrolled in the Rolls of our High Court of Chancery, in that part of our ſaid United Kingdom called Ireland, within the Space of ſix Months from the date hereof, otherwiſe theſe our Letters Patent, to be null, void, and of none effect, any Thing

Thing *herein contained* to the contrary in any wiſe notwithſtanding. IN WITNESS WHEREOF, We have cauſed theſe our Letters to be made Patent, witneſs our aforeſaid Lieutenant General and General Governor of Ireland at Dublin, the Sixth Day of February, in the Forty-eighth Year of our Reign.

WESTMEATH.

Inrolled in the Office of the Rolls of His Majeſty's High Court of Chancery in Ireland, the Eighth Day of February, in the Forty-eigth Year of the Reign of King George the Third, and examined by

RICHARD HETHERINGTON,

Deputy Keeper of the Rolls.

Entered by

THOMAS BOUCHIERE,

Deputy Clerk of the Hanaper.

(A true Copy.)

LESLIE LAWTON,

Secretary.

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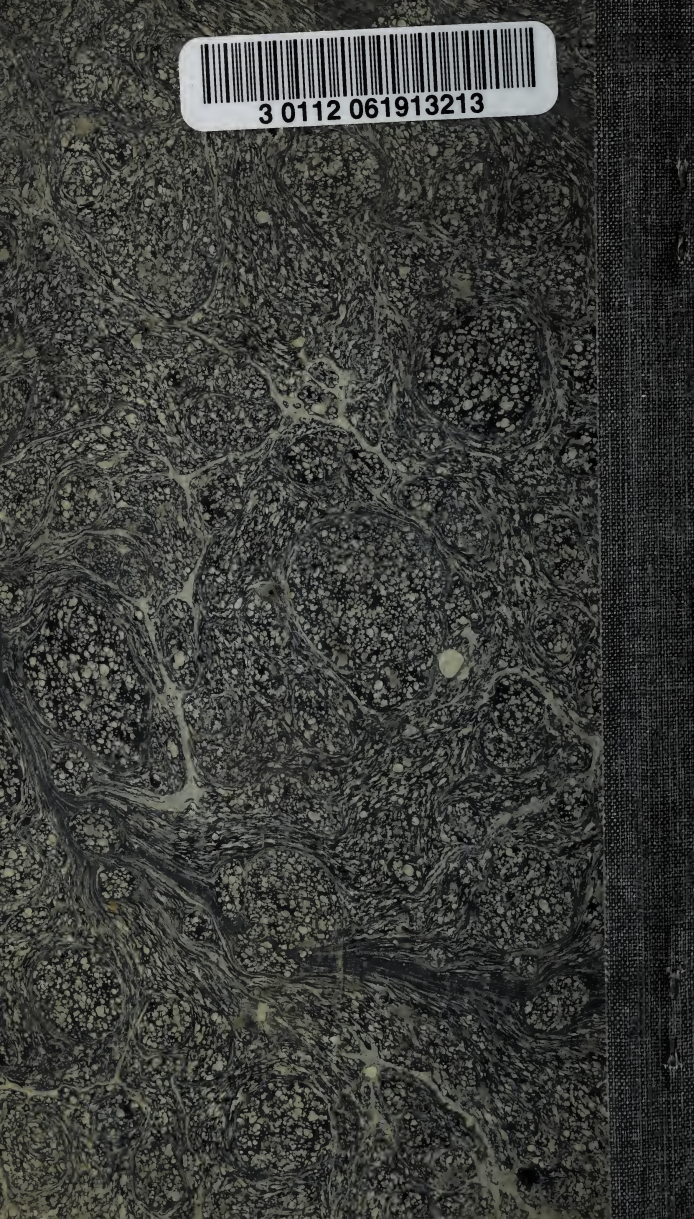
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